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On 6 June 1956 Radio Australia, Melbourne, inaugurated a daily transmission in Mandarin which is announced as "For Asian Listeners." Broadcast is presented at 1100 GMT, which corresponds to 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. local time in respective Chinese and Southeast Asia target area time zones, and is of one hour duration. Following are summaries of the first two broadcasts in this new transmission series.

6 June 1956

- 1. Program preview for today's program. (2 minutes)
- 2. Inaugural speeches by Australian postmaster and minister of external affairs on radio Australia's inception of Mandarin program for Asian listeners, as read by announcers, welcoming Mandarin-speaking listeners and their suggestions and lauding the program as beneficial to the promotion of better understanding. (4 minutes)
- Musical interlude featuring orchestral music by Australian composer and musicians. (12 minutes)
- 4. Radio Australia's director of overseas programs speaks (read by announcer) on the musical presentations on this program and informing listeners of the preview pamphlets. (2 minutes)
- 5. The first in a series of talks introducing to listeners the geographical features of Australia and its discovery two centuries ago. (7 minutes)
- 6. Music: "La Vie En Rose" (3 minutes)

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7. News (13 minutes)

- (a) Singapore Minister Marshall spoke on the recent talks held in London.
- (b) Australian external affiars Minister Casey told opposition party leaders that the Australian government submitted to London its views regarding Marshall's talks on Singapore independence.
- (c) An Indian scientist studies the growth of crops in the dry lands of South Australia.
- (d) Several Australian jet planes return to Australia after visit to U.S.
- (e) On dairy production in Australia.
- (f) A British rocket will be launched in South Australia in near future.
- (g) Communist nations will send about 1,000 athletes to the Olympic Games, Casey says.
- (h) Jap pearl boats permitted to hunt for pearls north of Australia.
- (i) Mollet welcomes Nehru's suggestions on solving Algerian problem.
- (j) Sukarno spoke at Canadian parliament.
- (k) Communist China importing rubber from Indonesia; growing rubber trees in South China.
- 8. Commentary: On Burmese Premier U Nu's resignation; mention of his independent policy made; brief biography of U Nu given. (4 minutes)
- 9. Chinese polular songs. (10 minutes)
- 10. Preview of tomorrow's Mandarin program. (3 minutes)
- 11. End of broadcast, 1200 GMT.

7 June 1956

- 1. Program preview for today's program. (2 minutes)
- 2. A translation of the speech by the chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Affairs Commission, on the occasion of radio Australia's initiation of the Mandarin program for Asian listeners. The speech dwelled on mutual understanding and the Australians' desire to be understood. (2 minutes)
- 3. Chinese movie songs. (10 minutes)
- 4. News story on the British atomic power industry, beginning with the work on the first British atomic power plant which started last week. (7 minutes)
- 5. Music (9 minutes)
- 6. News (giving headlines first and then elaborating) (12 minutes)
 - (a) The problem of Yugoslav-U.S. relations arising from the resumption of the friendship between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union was the main topic of discussion between the government leaders of the two countries.
 - (b) The Australian foreign minister defended the Australian position of the Singapore question.
 - (c) The NNSC in Korea will withdraw inspection teams from both sides.

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- (d) The British Secretary of State for Colonies supported the plan of a multiracial community in (Kenya?).
- (e) The British information official in Australia spoke on commonwealth policy.
- (f) The fishing industry Australia has developed rapidly since World War Two.
- (g) Twenty-three 23 countries of the U. N. Asian-African Bloc asked Japan to join the Bloc.
- (h) The world's largest dam is being constructed near Sydney.
- (i) The Indonesian government announced the lifting of the ban of rubber exports to Communist China.
- 7. Commentary: The free countries are striving for peace. The free countries must unite to prevent a conflagation, in organizations such as NATO and SEATO. (The commentary defended the U.S. stand on disarmament and refuted the Soviet allegations.) (5 minutes)
- 8. Peking opera. (10 minutes)
- Preview of tomorrow's program. (3 minutes)
- 10. End of broadcast, 1200 GMT.

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